

What we (I) claim is

1. An iron head for a golf club including a head body made of a metal and having a hosel part, and a plate-like face body welded to the head body and made of a metallic material  
5 different from the metal of the head body, comprising:

a means for defining a cavity portion between said plate-like face body and a back part of said head body, said cavity portion being defined so as to extend to a position remote from a periphery of said plate-like face body located  
10 on the side of a heel toward said heel of said head body, and further, a receipt portion of said head body provided for receiving a rear face of said plate-like face body located on the side of said heel having a length thereof extending along said periphery of said plate-like face body located on the side  
15 of said heel and being equal to or less than one forth of a length of said periphery of said plate-like face body located on the side of said heel.

2. An iron head as set forth in claim 1, wherein said plate-like face body is made of a metallic rolled plate, which  
20 has a higher strength than that of a metal of which said head body is made.

3. An iron head as set forth in claim 2, wherein said metallic rolled plate of said higher strength is made of a  $\beta$  type titanium alloy or a marageing steel.

25 4. An iron head as set forth in claim 1, wherein said plate-like face body and said head body are connected together by welding using laser-beam.

5. An iron head as set forth in claim 1, wherein said periphery of said plate-like face body on the heel side is  
30 located to be in no contact with a ball when the ball comes into contact with a specified portion of said iron head, which extends between the surface of a face part of said iron head and the surface of the heel part of said iron head, during shots by said iron head.

35 6. An iron head as set forth in claim 1, wherein said cavity

portion extending between a rear face of said plate-like face body and a back part of said head body is formed to be fluidly communicated with a shaft receipt hole provided in said hosel part of said iron head.

5        7. An iron head as set forth in claim 1, wherein said plate-like face body is arranged to extend over the entire width of said head body in a vertical direction.

8. An iron head as set forth in claim 1, wherein a thickness of the heel part of said head body at its portion confronting  
10 an end face of said periphery of said plate-like face body on the heel side is made larger than that of said face body.

9. An iron head as set forth in claim 8, wherein said plate-like face body is made of marageing steel, and said head body is made of seventeen-four stainless steel containing 17%  
15 chromium, 4% nickel, 4% copper, and 1% niobium.

10. An iron head as set forth in claim 9, wherein the thickness of said portion of said heel part is made approximately 0.2 through 1 mm larger than that of said plate-like face body.